(c) Since the building is yet to be designed it is not possible to indicate the likely time for its completion.

Cess on Liquor to Supplement Education Budget

4337. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab Government is imposing a Cess on the sale of liquor to supplement the education budget;

(b) whether the proposal of levying educational Cess was mooted during the former Prime Minister Shri P.V. Narsimha Rao's regime but was not accepted;

(c) whether the Human Resource Development Minister favour the view that an educational Cess be levied for the same reason; and

(d) if so, by when it would be imposed and the state Government's/UTs would be asked to fall in line with the Punjab Government, for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL) : (a) to (d) With a view to meet the additional resource requirements for the Education sector, the Government has been exploring the possibilities of levying an education cess on income and corporate taxes since the early nineties. However, it has not been possible to take a view in this regard. Meanwhile the Government of Punjab have enacted the Punjab Education Development Act, 1998 which provides for collection of a cess on sale of liquor in the State for improving the quality of education. All States/UTs have been advised to explore the possibilities of adopting similar measures to augment resources for educational development.

Allocation to U.P. For Women and Child Welfare Schemes

4338. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total amount allocated by Government to Uttar Pradesh for various women and child welfare schemes during the last three years;

(b) whether the above funds have been utilised for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?